

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 26-40**

***Proclaiming April 2026 as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in Yolo County***

**WHEREAS**, the Autism Society of America sponsors National Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month every April to promote autism awareness, inclusion, transitional opportunities, and self-determination for all, and to ensure that each person with autism is provided with the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), a complex, lifelong developmental condition, is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, impacting a vast majority of Americans either through relationships or direct experience; and

**WHEREAS**, early diagnosis, treatment, and instruction for students with autism are essential to ensure a better quality of life for individuals with autism; and

**WHEREAS**, support needs across the autism spectrum are vastly diverse and each individual with autism experiences it differently, but together, autistic people make industries, communities, and our nation stronger; and

**WHEREAS**, autism acceptance means respecting the rights and humanity of all autistic people, centering the perspectives and needs of autistic people with intellectual disabilities, non-speaking autistic people, and autistic people with the highest support needs — not by speaking over them, but by listening and looking to them as leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month not only honors the contributions of people on the autism spectrum and the autism community to our nation and the world, but also calls on all of us to work together toward fostering greater awareness, understanding and inclusion, thus creating a world where everyone in the autism community is connected to the support they need, when they need it; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 2026 as National Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in Yolo County and urges all school communities, Yolo County employees and residents, to participate in promoting autism awareness and acceptance to our communities.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs, Vixie Sandy, Allen

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Sheila Allen, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors